

Remarks

Applicants are submitting this preliminary amendment in the application filed herewith to further prosecute those non-elected claims that were cancelled in the previously filed parent application, Serial No. 09/233,829. Applicants have cancelled all of the original claims 1-33, and have added new claims 34-60, which generally correspond to those non-elected claims of the prior application and which have now been cancelled. Payment in the amount of \$866.00 is enclosed for the required filing fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.

The newly submitted claims are provided to correct for certain informalities in the original claims and to place the claims in a better format for purposes of examination and are not made for reasons of patentability.

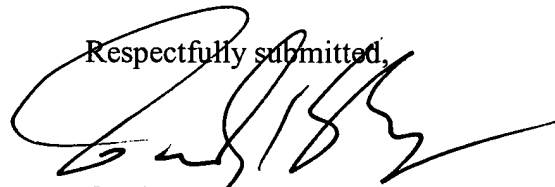
In view of the above amendments and remarks, favorable action is respectfully requested.

If any petition for extension of time is required for continued prosecution of this application, such petition is hereby requested. If any additional fee is deemed necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-1899.

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